WARSLOW & ELKSTONES Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 16th January 2017**

Present: Cllr. Amy Wardman (Chair), Cllr. Charles Barker, Cllr. Stuart Gould, Cllr. Douglas Titley, Cllr. Lee Wilson, Cllr. Jane Prince.

**S. Mansfield (Clerk of Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council)**

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| **Agenda item 1** | Attendance Register, Apologies, Public Attendees |
| **Minute 16/01/17/01** | All Parish Councillors were present. Due to the Vice Chair position being vacant it was proposed that a new Vice Chair be elected. After some discussion Cllr Doug Titley proposed that Cllr Lee Wilson be elected Vice Chair of the Parish Council. Proposed Cllr Jane Prince unanimously resolved by the Parish Council. Cllr Lee Wilson was duly elected Vice Chair of Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council. |
| Agenda item 2 | **Variation of Order of Business** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/02** | None. |
| Agenda item 3 | **Declarations of Member's Interests** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/03** | Cllr Lee Wilson's forms to be sent to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. |
| Agenda item 4 | **Declarations of pecuniary interests and code of conduct** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/04** | No longer applicable. |
| **Agenda item 5** | **Determination of Confidential Items** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/05** | No confidential items. |
| Agenda item 6 | **Minutes of the meeting held 21st November 2016** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/06** | Minutes for 21st November 2016 meeting were approved as a correct record; proposed Cllr. Wilson, seconded Cllr. Barker and signed off by the Chair, Cllr. Wardman.  Matters Arising:  1)Clerk to investigate link between observed yellow notice on Industrial Units for new houses to an actual planning application on the Peak District National Park website.  2)The first six houses were granted planning permission by the Parish Council based on local need. However, the houses have remained unoccupied for six years. In December 2016 the Parish Council were informed by the Developer that now 50% are about to be occupied.  3)The Parish Council have received a notice of planning for a further 4 houses, on the same site, to be sold on the open market. It is not yet understood the market value of these new properties.  4)The Parish Council resolved that they have no objection to the planning application for these new houses. However, before granting that permission they wish to receive formal evidence that 50% of the existing development have been sold. |
| **Agenda item 7** | **Public speaking** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/07** | No public speaking. |
| Agenda item 8 | **Managed Works** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/08** | 1)Mr A. Hall and Mr B. Slack to complete time sheets promptly at the 31st March 2017 to ensure that the Parish Council can reclaim the funding in the short time frame available to do so.  2)The Parish Council discussed a communication received from Staffordshire County Council clarifying that the funding for the lengthman's scheme would end on 31st March 2017. The Clerk informed the meeting that there is still no clarity on whether the Staffordshire Moorlands District Council intend to continue the funding into the next financial year. Councillors felt that the lengthman's scheme was a very worthwhile activity and a sensible use of public money. With the reduced funding from County and District Councils the full weight of the cost of the lengthman's scheme must now be borne by the Parish Council. Councillors requested the Clerk to find ways of seeking the views of local residents on whether they want the lengthman's scheme to continue. A notification should be placed in the Church magazine newsletter to this effect.  It was estimated that the lengthman's scheme would add around £600p/a to the precept part of the council tax for the next year. |
| Agenda item 9 | **Highways** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/09** | 1)Dumped waste material on the road just above the school.  2)Quarter lane drainage and sewer grids to be repaired.  3)Clerk to thank Cllr Gill Heath for actioning the chevron bend warning signs on B5053 have been turned over.  4)Bad potholes on B5053, 500 yards south Vicarage before Shayside Farm.  5)Reduce speed limit on School lane from 40mph to 30 or 20mph.  6)Introduce T junction sign on Quarter lane.  7)Redo pavement on School lane near to Hobcroft farm.  8)Potholes across Backlane need doing.  9)Parking problem in Quarter lane – Clerk to report blockage of emergency vehicles, Bowers buses and refuse cart. |
| Agenda item 10 | **Policies and Procedures** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/10** | The Clerk provided each Parish Councillor with an estimated budget for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. Councillors discussed budget and set the precept at £5600 for that period. |
| Agenda item 11 | **Planning** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/11** | 1)No objections to Keg Cottage – new stove.  2)Cllr. Wilson to consider entering best kept village competition. |
| Agenda item 12 | **Chairperson's Announcements** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/12** | 1)The Chair informed the meeting that the Clerk and the Chair had visited the NatWest Bank and made all the arrangements as per discussions in the previous meeting. |
| Agenda item 13 | **Updates from the Clerk** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/13** | 1)Adopt a kiosk still ongoing.  2)Parish Council to provide defib box, cost of £400. Cllr. Wilson to discuss with Village Hall Committee siting of this box.  3)The donation for insurance of the Village Hall should be changed from S137 to room hire.  4)More correspondence regarding the proposed Warslow playground has been received. Clerk to invite school to next Parish Council meeting to provide further explanation. |
| Agenda item 14 | **Finance** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/14** | The Clerk reported that the bank balances stand at;  Business Reserve Account £4869.63 at 5th December 2016  Current Account £0.00 at 5th January 2017  The Parish Councillors reviewed the liabilities. All were agreed.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Cheque No | Payee | Item | Amount | | 000536 | S Mansfield Clerk | Salary & PAYE 2 months | £315.20 | | 000537 | S Mansfield Clerk | Expenses 2 months | £58.00 | |
| Agenda item 15 | **Date and time of next meeting** |
| **Minute** **16/01/17/15** | Next meeting date and time was agreed as  Monday 20th March, 2017 at 7.30pm Warslow Village Hall.  All meeting dates for 2017 are proposed as follows  Mar 20th May 15th July 17th Sep 18th Nov 20th  The meeting was closed at 21:20 hours. |
| Agenda item 16 | **Confidential information** |
| **Minute 16/01/17/16** | None. |